

Burden Hours: 1,632.

Abstract: The success to date of the charter schools movement has resulted from the opportunities the schools provide for site-based management free of many regulations, and for instructional and other innovations, parent choice, specialized services to specific populations, and public accountability. This data collection will allow the Department of Education to assemble information on the reasons parents are enrolling students with disabilities in charter schools, the services provided by the schools, the schools' outcome goals, the student outcome measures the schools employ, and the students' success in the schools. Subjects will include educators, parents, and students.

Office of Educational Research and Improvement

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: A Study of Charter Schools.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting Burden and Recordkeeping:

Responses: 4,611.

Burden Hours: 2,365.

Abstract: This four-year study of charter schools will examine the impact of charter schools on student achievement, on education reform, and on an array of other issues. The study includes an annual survey of the universe of charter schools and intensive site visits at a sample of charter schools.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-610-000]

Northern States Power Company (Minnesota Company); Notice of Filing

December 1, 1997.

Take notice that on November 10, 1997, Northern States Power Company (Minnesota) (NSP), tendered for filing a Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service Agreement and a Short-Term Firm Transmission Service Agreement between NSP and Continental Energy Services, L.L.C.

NSP requests that the Commission accept both the agreements effective October 15, 1997, and requests waiver of the Commission's notice requirements in order for the agreements to be

accepted for filing on the date requested.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before December 10, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-4680-000]

Starghill Alternative Energy Corporation; Notice of Issuance of Order

December 2, 1997.

Starghill Alternative Energy Corporation (Starghill) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which Starghill will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. Starghill also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Starghill requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Starghill.

On November 24, 1997, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Rate Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Starghill should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, Starghill is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interest will be adversely affected by continued approval of Starghill's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is December 24, 1997.

Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00514; FRL-5758-6]

Nominations to the FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel; Request for Comments

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice provides the names, addresses, professional affiliations, and selected biographical data of persons nominated to serve on the Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) established under section 25(d) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). The Panel was created on November 28, 1975, and made a statutory Panel by amendment to the FIFRA, dated October 25, 1988. Public comment on the nominations is invited, as these comments will be used to assist the agency in selecting nominees to the Panel.

DATES: Comments should be postmarked no later than January 5, 1998.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, bring comments to: Rm. 1132,